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CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, on the 10th, Mr. Bayard submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Judiciary to report as to the expediency of amending the constitution so as to provide that Congress shall not have power to make anything but gold and silver coin legal tender for the payment of debts, nor to make any law impairing obligation of contracts.

Mr. Garland submitted a joint resolution proposing the following amendment to the Constitution, article 1, section 2, clause 3, "The public debt of the United States represented by notes issued under the authority of law, with quality of legal tender, shall never be redeemed for gold or silver coin, but shall be paid in full in legal tender for the payment of debts, and shall receive the same treatment as gold and silver coin, and the same shall be received in payment of the public debt of the United States." In the House, among other business was the consideration of a bill to incorporate the Spokane Falls & Coeur d'Alene Railroad Company.

In the Senate, on the 11th, Mr. Allison presented a memorial and joint resolution of the Legislature of Iowa, urging the National Government to avail itself of the power granted by the Constitution to regulate commerce of the States and to regulate the regulation of railroad fares and freights at such rates as will allow the railroads to operate at no more for the amount actually expended in the construction of roads.

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In the Senate, on the 12th, Mr. Jackson submitted a joint resolution proposing an amendment making the Presidential term six years, and making a President ineligible to a re-election. A bill to amend the law relating to the election of the President was also introduced.

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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

A GENTLEMAN named T. J. Richardson, of Parsons, Kas., accompanied by his daughter Effie, a young lady about twenty-one years of age, left St. Louis recently for their Western home. About four years ago Effie, at home, the result of some sudden illness, died, and notwithstanding the most persistent, assiduous search upon the part of her parents, her whereabouts remained undiscovered. Her father sold his property in Parsons in order to obtain money with which to prosecute the search, but his efforts were unsuccessful.

Some days ago he received a letter from a friend which stated that his daughter was in St. Louis, where the parent found her. She had married, but after living with her husband for a time had secured a separation. The girl was willing to go home, and accompanied her father cheerfully.

The most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Pittsburgh broke out at 9 o'clock on the 10th in a frame building on the east side of Broadway in Veeble's drug store. A heavy gale blew from the east. Eight buildings burned. The loss on stocks and buildings was thirty thousand dollars. Insurance light.

GOVERNOR GLICK recently refused to honor a requisition presented by G. W. Cole, of the St. Louis Merchants' Detective Association, for the return of a swindler. The St. Louis City of Oswego has ordered the keepers of billiard-halls in that city to remove the frosting from windows and screens from the doors.

JOHN R. FENN, of Weida, filed a complaint recently with the Board of Railroad Commissioners, stating that he was charged \$5.00 for a shipment made from Girard over the Southern Kansas Railway to Weida, Anderson County, after the company had agreed to return the shipment for \$4.00. He asks the Railroad Commissioners to investigate the matter.

STATE PAPERS are heralding the fact that the time for tree-planting is at hand. The State penitentiary is to be lighted by electricity. The Railroad Review publishes the following interesting statement showing the mileage of the railroads and extensions built in Kansas during the past year.

THE TEXAS Land Board refused to accede to the request of stockmen to reduce the price of leased lands from eight to five cents. The stockmen threatened to cut the fence of any man leasing at eight cents, and told the Board so. They also intimated that they will organize a powerful opposition to the retention by the Board of the State offices now held by the members.

A DESTRUCTIVE cyclone passed near Gunterville, Ala., recently. H. S. Hess and Mrs. John Tidmore were killed, and John Tidmore and Mrs. Frank Farmer severely injured. About thirty houses were blown to atoms. The storm left the earth after devastating nearly six miles.

A TERRIBLE explosion occurred in the Pocahontas mine, near Petersburg, Va., recently. One hundred and fifty men at work in the mine were killed and their bodies terribly mutilated. The explosion sounded like the rumbling of an earthquake, and did considerable damage outside of the pit.

A DALLAS special says the estimated cattle drive from Texas the coming season will reach over 200,000 head. The only way of putting out the fire in the Pocahontas mine, Virginia, is by sealing it and flooding it with steam. Not one of the one hundred and fifty miners escaped.

TRUCKERS, engaged by eating German bread, and due in no wise to the American people, is ravaging various parts of Germany. The Chamber of Commerce, of Lyons, France, protests against the embargo on American pork.

GENERAL. ANOTHER bill has been passed by the Parliament of Queensland restricting Chinese immigration. F. J. MATHIAS and Heren Winkelman and Sarla leave Vienna March 24, to take part in the Wagner concert in this country, under direction of Theodore Thomas.

ANOTHER dynamite explosion has taken place in London, at a Fulham hotel, killing one man. ARABS, in a recent slave raid, captured eighteen hundred children, natives on the Lower Congo have killed several Europeans and plundered the factories.

JAY GOULD is at Havana banqueting the notables. PORT SPAIN, Trinidad, was almost entirely destroyed by fire recently. The British have again defeated Osman Digma, losing seventy killed and one hundred wounded. Osman Digma's loss was not mentioned.

DEGAFFER, the Russian nihilist, supposed to have been the leader of the band that murdered Colonel Sudeikin, has sailed for America. The week's business failures throughout the country, for the United States, numbered 174; Canada and the provinces, 42; total, 216; as compared with 272 last week. The decrease was principally in the Western, Middle and New England States.

CANADA has the same number of failures as last week. THE LATEST. The Senate was not in session on the 15th. The House still had under consideration the Post-office Appropriation bill and adjourned without finishing it.

WILLIAM G. SMITH, aged twenty, of San Antonio, Tex., suicided recently by taking morphine. He had married a variety actress named Lizzie Mack, and got into domestic difficulties.

IN A row on shipboard in Chesapeake Bay, Md., John Wilson, mate, was stabbed and killed by Gus Peterson. TILLER, the Pacific Express robber, of St. Louis, made an attempt to escape by climbing down the fire-escape of the Lindell Hotel. He was recaptured and taken to the Four Courts.

THE other morning two prisoners confined in the Sandwich, Ont., jail, shot and killed Jailer Leach and fatally wounded Turkey Davis and escaped.

A YOUNG man named John Duffield was held up recently at Galveston by a trio of roughs. Watching his opportunity he seized the hand of the man holding the pistol and plunged a Bowie knife into his body. The dead robber proved to be a John Kelly.

IT IS reported that a snow-slide carried away the Sanson Mining Company's Concentrating Works, eight miles northwest of Silverton, Col., erected last summer at an expense of \$60,000. No lives were lost.

THE Ontario Legislature passed a bill giving widows and spinners who have the necessary property qualification, a right to vote at municipal elections.

A SENATOR, who had been elected to the Senate, died recently at his home in New York. He was a member of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio and the Pittsburgh, Cleveland & Toledo Railway Companies. The employees of each company were armed and bloodshed would have resulted but for the timely presence of the Sheriff, who made several arrests.

A ROWING match at San Francisco, recently, mile and a half run, \$5,000 a side, for the championship of the Pacific Coast, between Peterson and Lee, was won by the former by fifteen lengths.

PETER SEMONIN and his son, Will O. Semonin, have left Louisville, Ky., secretly, leaving the Pike Tobacco Warehouse Company in inextricable difficulties. The frauds of the younger Semonin are said to amount to \$100,000.

THE value of exports of breadstuffs for February, 1884, was \$10,103,338 against \$15,770,010 for the same time last year. For the eight months ending February 29, \$10,330,840 against \$14,401,153 for the corresponding period of last year.

SEVEN months ago Christian A. Lemke left Akron, O., while under a charge of burglary and robbery. He went to Germany, returned the other day on the steamer Nuremberg and was arrested.

THE TARIFF.

THE Morrison bill, as revised by the Ways and Means Committee, reported to the House—The Majority and Minority Reports Accompanying the Document.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The majority and minority reports of the Ways and Means Committee on the Morrison tariff bill were submitted to the House yesterday. The revision was most striking, yet the majority report says it does not know when he will call the bill up for action. The majority report says:

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, in explanation of the bill before the Senate last year, which, after various amendments, became a law, estimated at \$4,000,000 the reduction in revenue which would follow the changes in the tariff. These calculations have not been verified. The question still presses, "What legislation is necessary to reduce the tariff?" Your committee find that in the six months ending December 31, 1883, merchandise imported into the United States valued at \$238,881,099, which duties were paid amounting to \$65,143,138, being 4.91 per cent. on the whole. Under the new law, the value of dutiable imports in the first six months of 1884, under the new law, the value of dutiable imports was \$111,268,574, and the duty paid was \$11,268,574, being 10.14 per cent. on the value. It thus appears that the reduction in revenue would be \$53,934,664, or 21.4 per cent. less under the new law than under the old law. The nominal reduction made by the proposed bill is twenty per cent. on the present rate. With the Morrison tariff limitations in the bill, and the liquor and silk schedule omitted, the actual reduction would be 14.7 per cent. The average reduction made in the tariff by the Morrison bill, and that to be made by the proposed bill, together, do not reach the reduction at which the commission aims.

The decrease in revenue as shown by the receipts under the new law other than that resulting from the nominal reduction of 20 per cent. results from the falling off of nearly \$2,000,000 of the imports in the first six months of 1884, under the new law, the value of the previous year under the old law. The reduction of revenue by the Morrison bill is estimated at \$31,000,000, on the basis of last year's imports. To the extent that the tariff is reduced, the revenue will be reduced to the extent of the reduction. To that extent taxes will be reduced directly as a result of the reduction. To that extent the revenue will be reduced indirectly as a result of the reduction.

Statistics appear that the duties or tariff taxes were decreased on some and increased on others. The duties on some articles, while this is true, there has been no increase in wages in any, but a reduction of wages in some, as well as the fact that the competing products received more, as in those that obtained less protection under the new law.

Referring to the condition of the iron and steel industry, the report attributes the depression and the enforced idleness of the workmen to the competition of the foreign iron and steel, and declares that, as such calamities always fall upon the laborers, the committee had little to report to the House. It is believed that the people from unnecessary taxes.

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MARKET REPORTS.

Grain and Flour. ST. LOUIS, March 12.

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CORN—Higher; No. 2 mixed, \$0.85; No. 3, \$0.80; No. 4, \$0.75; No. 5, \$0.70; No. 6, \$0.65; No. 7, \$0.60; No. 8, \$0.55; No. 9, \$0.50; No. 10, \$0.45; No. 11, \$0.40; No. 12, \$0.35; No. 13, \$0.30; No. 14, \$0.25; No. 15, \$0.20; No. 16, \$0.15; No. 17, \$0.10; No. 18, \$0.05; No. 19, \$0.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork better; lard unchanged; sugar, \$0.10; coffee, \$0.15; tea, \$0.20; rice, \$0.25; oil, \$0.30; butter, \$0.35; eggs, \$0.40; chickens, \$0.45; turkeys, \$0.50; geese, \$0.55; ducks, \$0.60; fish, \$0.65; fruit, \$0.70; vegetables, \$0.75; miscellaneous, \$0.80.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—WHEAT—Fair demand; No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 3, \$1.05; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, \$0.95; No. 6, \$0.90; No. 7, \$0.85; No. 8, \$0.80; No. 9, \$0.75; No. 10, \$0.70; No. 11, \$0.65; No. 12, \$0.60; No. 13, \$0.55; No. 14, \$0.50; No. 15, \$0.45; No. 16, \$0.40; No. 17, \$0.35; No. 18, \$0.30; No. 19, \$0.25; No. 20, \$0.20; No. 21, \$0.15; No. 22, \$0.10; No. 23, \$0.05; No. 24, \$0.00.

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PROVISIONS—Pork in fair demand and unchanged; lard, \$0.10; coffee, \$0.15; tea, \$0.20; rice, \$0.25; oil, \$0.30; butter, \$0.35; eggs, \$0.40; chickens, \$0.45; turkeys, \$0.50; geese, \$0.55; ducks, \$0.60; fish, \$0.65; fruit, \$0.70; vegetables, \$0.75; miscellaneous, \$0.80.

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ST. LOUIS, March 17.—WHEAT—Fair demand; No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 3, \$1.05; No. 4, \$1.00; No. 5, \$0.95; No. 6, \$0.90; No. 7, \$0.85; No. 8, \$0.80; No. 9, \$0.75; No. 10, \$0.70; No. 11, \$0.65; No. 12, \$0.60; No. 13, \$0.55; No. 14, \$0.50; No. 15, \$0.45; No. 16, \$0.40; No. 17, \$0.35; No. 18, \$0.30; No. 19, \$0.25; No. 20, \$0.20; No. 21, \$0.15; No. 22, \$0.10; No. 23, \$0.05; No. 24, \$0.00.

CORN—Fair demand; No. 2 mixed, \$0.85; No. 3, \$0.80; No. 4, \$0.75; No. 5, \$0.70; No. 6, \$0.65; No. 7, \$0.60; No. 8, \$0.55; No. 9, \$0.50; No. 10, \$0.45; No. 11, \$0.40; No. 12, \$0.35; No. 13, \$0.30; No. 14, \$0.25; No. 15, \$0.20; No. 16, \$0.15; No. 17, \$0.10; No. 18, \$0.05; No. 19, \$0.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork in fair demand and unchanged; lard, \$0.10; coffee, \$0.15; tea, \$0.20; rice, \$0.25; oil, \$0.30; butter, \$0.35; eggs, \$0.40; chickens, \$0.45; turkeys, \$0.50; geese, \$0.55; ducks, \$0.60; fish, \$0.65; fruit, \$0.70; vegetables, \$0.75; miscellaneous, \$0.80.